

**Watson, Jennifer**

**From:** Watson, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 3:21 PM  
**To:** Gerace, Frank  
**Cc:** Montgomery, Pamela  
**Subject:** RE: California Consumer Price Index

Hi Frank. I do not have the CPI information Gale is requesting. I believe that Pam worked on this judge's issue previously and I am sure she will be able to shed some light on this request. I am sorry that I cannot help you today. Pam will be back on Monday. Thanks, Jennifer

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Gerace, Frank  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 1:01 PM  
**To:** Watson, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: California Consumer Price Index

Jennifer:

Pam is out of the office. Can you or one of your staff answer this question regarding cost-of-living adjustments? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Gerace, Frank  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 12:56 PM  
**To:** Montgomery, Pamela  
**Cc:** Patrick, Gale  
**Subject:** FW: California Consumer Price Index

Pam:

Would you know if a different CPI (than what was used in BNSD at that time) was used for JRS from 1975 through 1978?  
I gave Gale the information I had for BNSD. There was a change in the CPI starting around 1978. Prior to that time BNSD used an average index based on the Los Angeles/Long Beach, Anaheim, and San Francisco/Oakland areas. Thanks for your help.

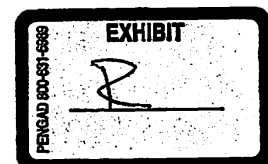
-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Patrick, Gale  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 11:55 AM  
**To:** Gerace, Frank  
**Subject:** California Consumer Price Index

Hi Frank,

I have a problem and David DuBois thought that you might be able to help me. It involves a retired judge under JRS who is entitled to pay increases for the full CPI due to a Supreme Court of California decision in 1980. As part of that decision, it says that salary increases of an eligible judge increase by multiplying the "current" salary by a percentage by which the figure representing the California consumer price index as compiled and reported by the California Department of Industrial Relations has increased in the previous year. The court decision gives an example of a 5.327% increase for an eligible judge on September 1, 1977. Also I have a letter from Kenneth Cory, State Controller of CA, on July 22, 1980 which sets for the following:

Period of CPI Increase	Change	Percentage
Dec 1976 to Dec 1978	164.0 to 172.9	5.4268%
Dec 1978 to Dec 1977	172.9 to 185.6	7.3453%
Dec 1977 to Dec 1978	185.6 to 188.9	7.1859%

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Dec 1978 to Dec 1979

198.9 to 231.1

16.1890%

Using the California Consumer Price Index (1955-2007) downloaded on the web, I cannot confirm any of the indexes shown above by the Controller's Office in 1980. Further, I've tried different periods to determine the percentage increases for these years on an annual basis, a Sept basis, etc. The closest that I can come is using a Dec to Dec basis but I still can't reproduce the percentage increases exactly. Perhaps, the index basis was revised sometime in the past.

Frank, do you have anything that would allow me to confirm how the Controller or the court decision determined the correct percentage increases?

Thanks, Gale

PS This is a rush project for me so please let me know if you have any info or not that might assist me. Thanks again!

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